

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

--An external device such as a digital recording/reproduction device may be controlled via a digital data bus using auto-play and/or auto-pause functions. According to an exemplary embodiment, a method ~~(300/400/500)~~ for controlling an external device includes detecting initiation of one of a disconnection from the external device and a connection to the external device ~~(310/410)~~, providing a pause command signal to the external device via a digital data bus if the initiation of the disconnection from the external device is detected ~~(330)~~, and providing a play command signal to the external device via the digital data bus if the initiation of the connection to the external device is detected ~~(440)~~.